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In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56,

Applicant submits herewith the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. It is understood that the
information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicant's obligations under
the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

As this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before
the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, it is believed to be timely filed in
accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b)(3).

UNITED STATES PATENTS

<u>PATENTEE</u>	<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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The above-referenced documents are listed on Form PTO-1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

Applicant is not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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